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SUBJ: SOVIET-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH COMMATT OCTOBER 21, DEPUTY CHIEF SPANISH COMMERICAL REPRESENTATION (PRAT) NOTED THAT SOVIETS WERE MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO DIVERT BUSINESS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SPAIN, TO PORTUGAL. PRAT CITED EXAMPLE OF CORK, WHICH SPANISH HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SELL TO SOVIETS, WITH ONLY MARGINAL SUCCESS, AND WHICH SOVIETS HAVE NOW OFFERED PURCHASE IN LARGE QUANTITIES FROM PORTUGAL. AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE, PRAT NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAD OFFERED MAKE EXTENSIVE USE OF SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES (LISNAV) IN LISBON. IN THIS AREA AS WELL, PRAT SAID, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WERE COMPETITORS.

2. ON SUBJECT OF SPANISH ATTITUDE TOWARD PORTUGUESE INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS, PRAT STRESSED SPAIN'S STRONG POSITION AGAINST INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT SOVIETS WERE AWARE OF SPANISH POSITION AND APPRECIATED IT. (COMMENT: IMPLICATION OF LATTER REMARK WAS THAT SPANISH HAD ASSURED SOVIETS THAT SPAIN WOULD TAKE HANDS-OFF POSITION TOWARD PORTUGUESE INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS. PRAT  
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DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THIS ASSURANCE HAD BEEN GIVEN IN

RESPONSE TO SOVIET INQUIRY OR ON SPANISH INITIATIVE. END  
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